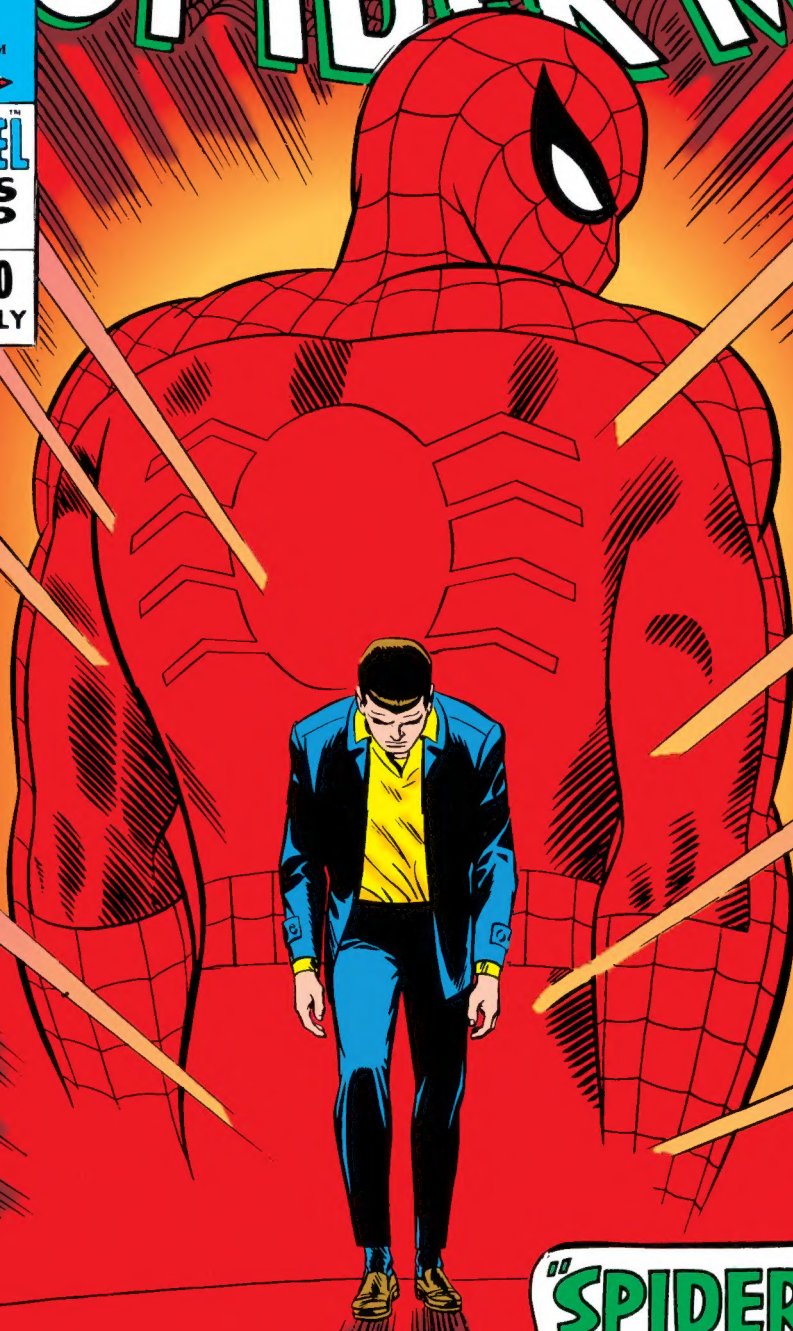




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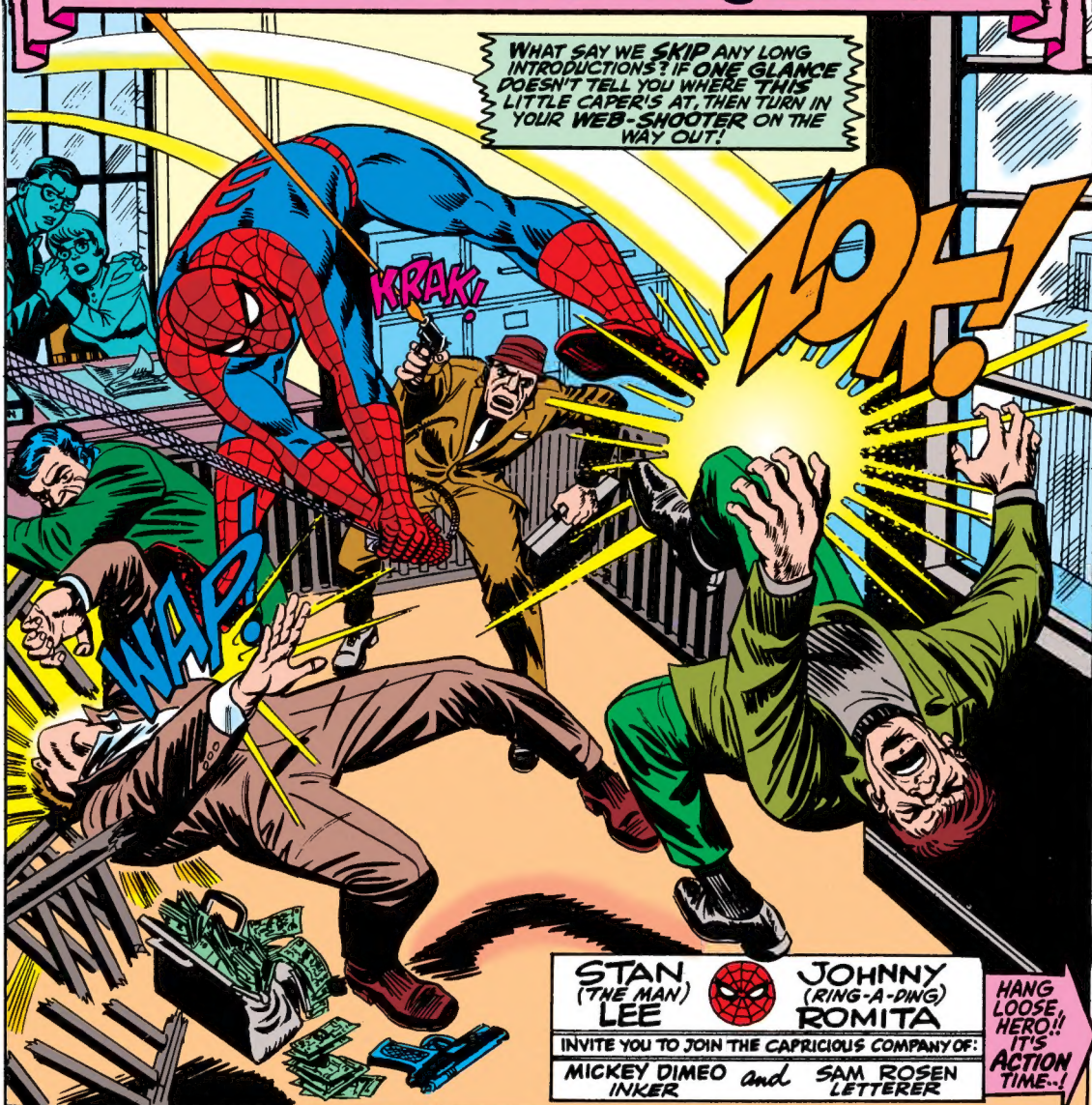


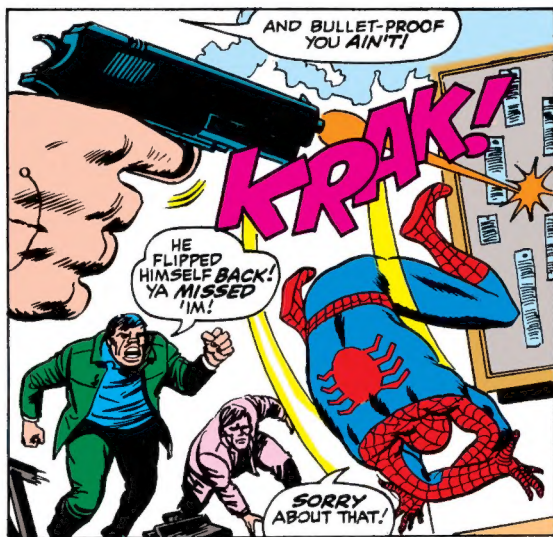
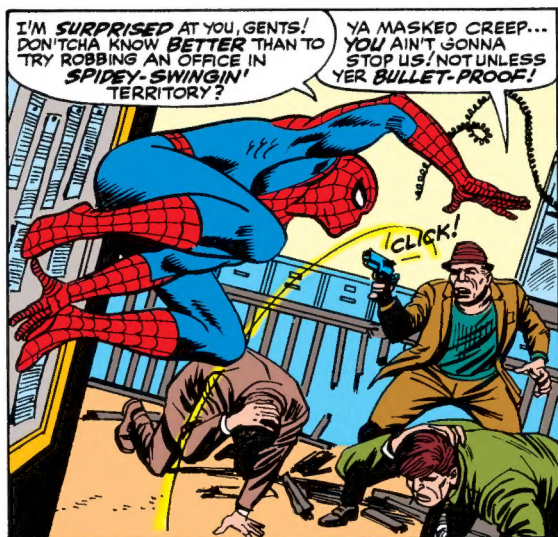
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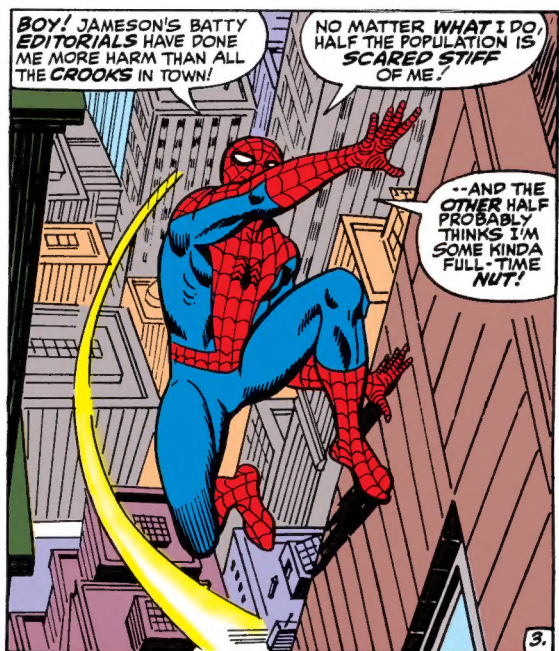
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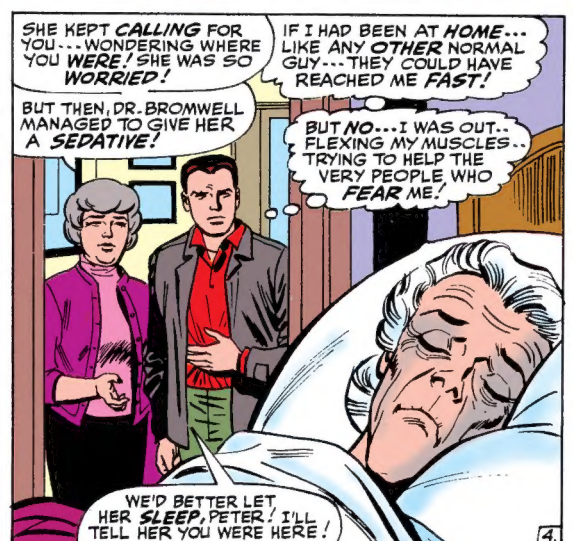
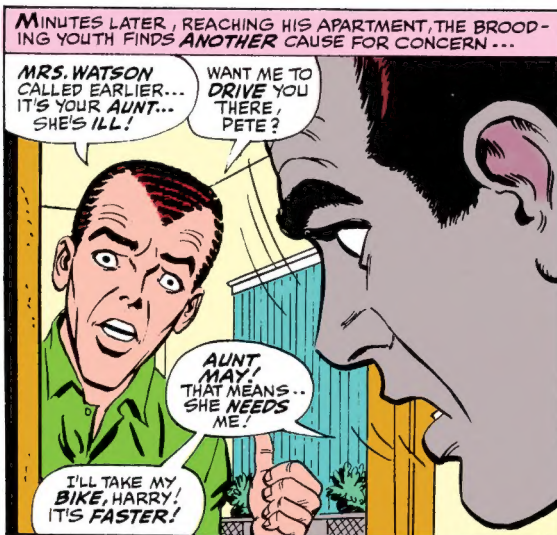
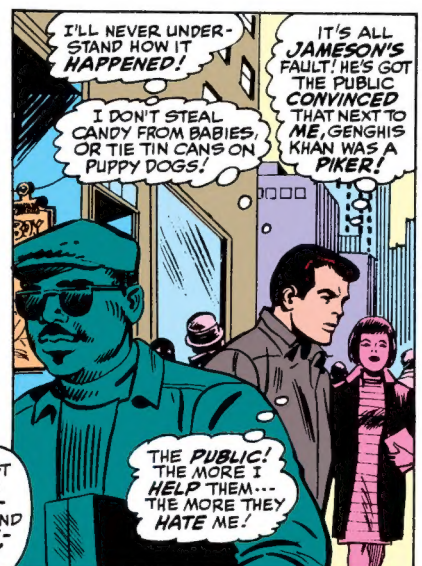
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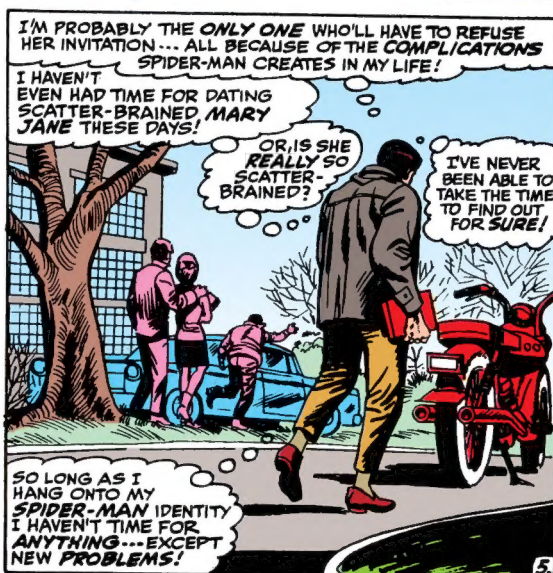
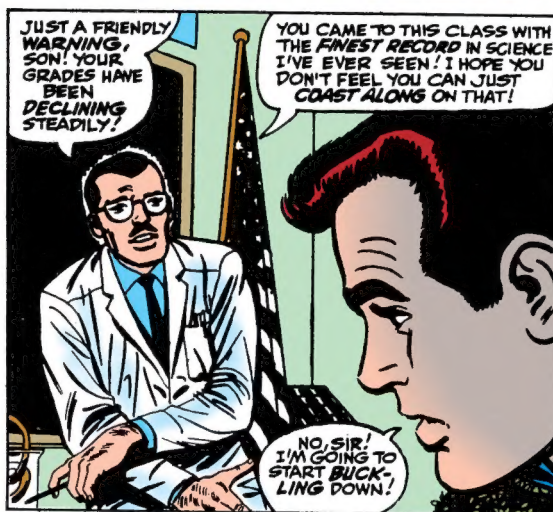
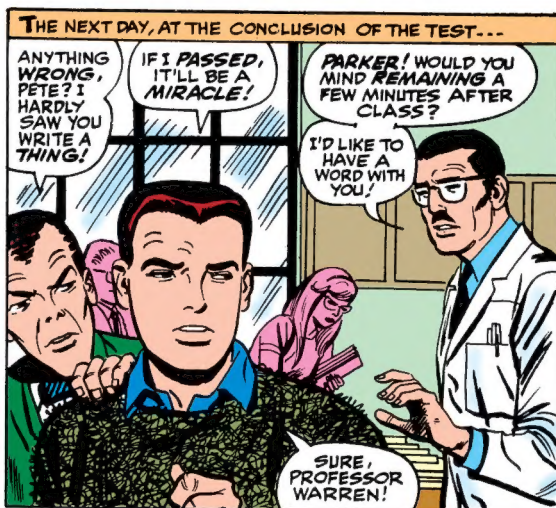
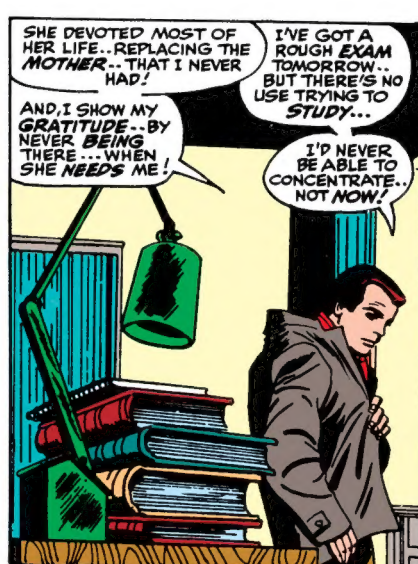
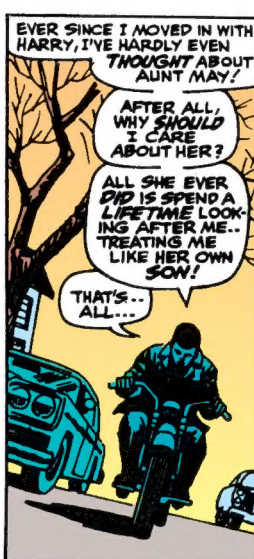
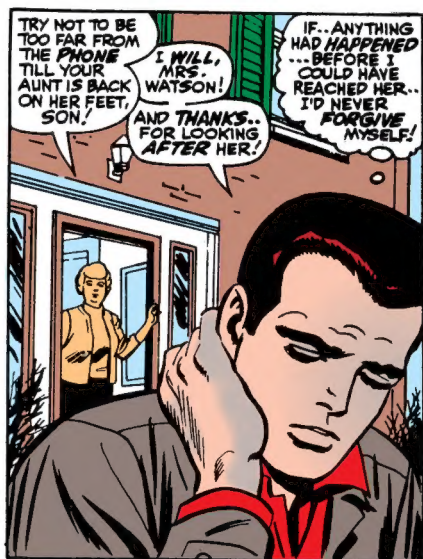
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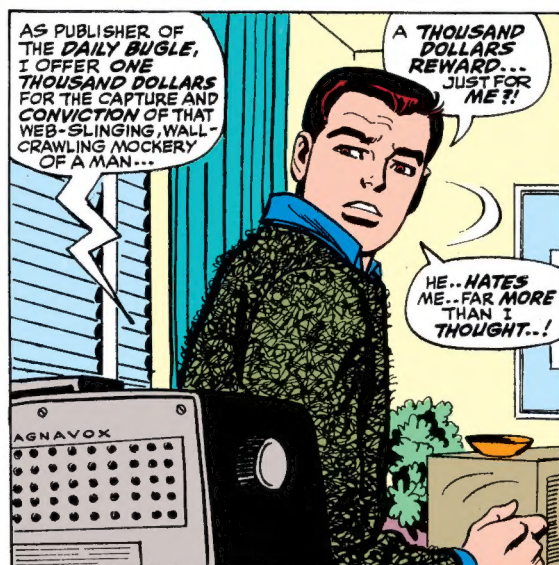
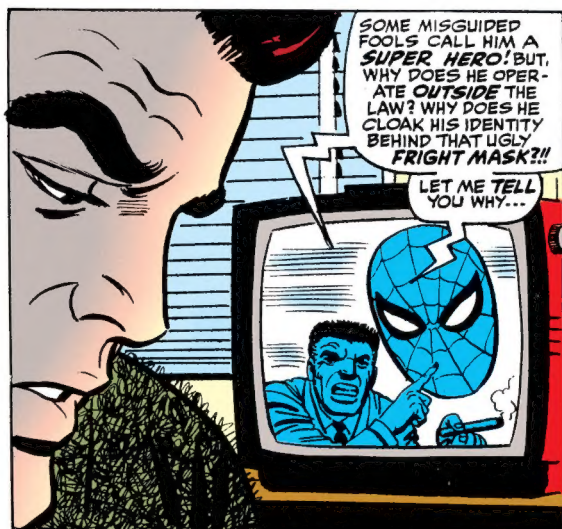
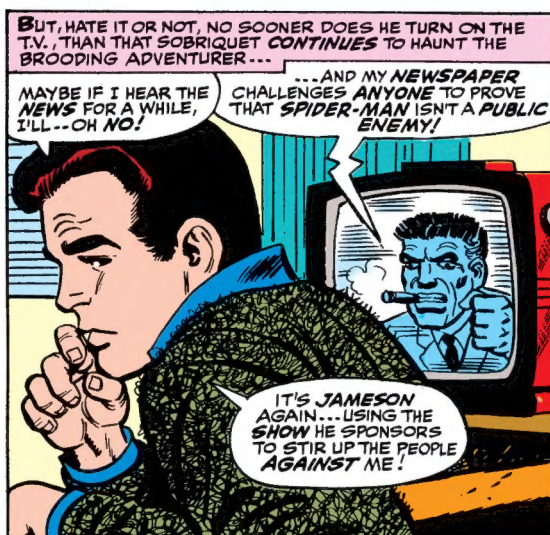
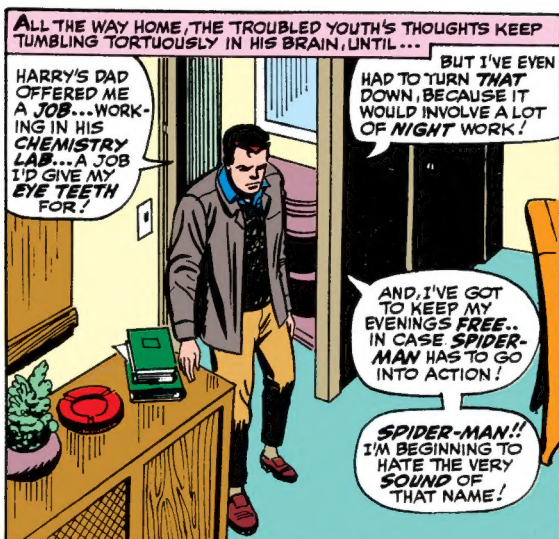


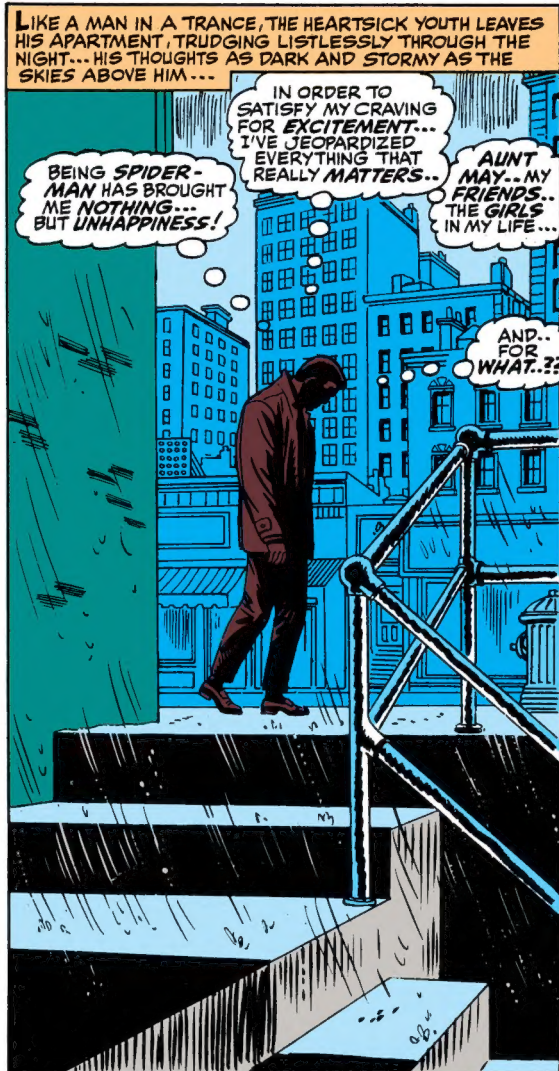
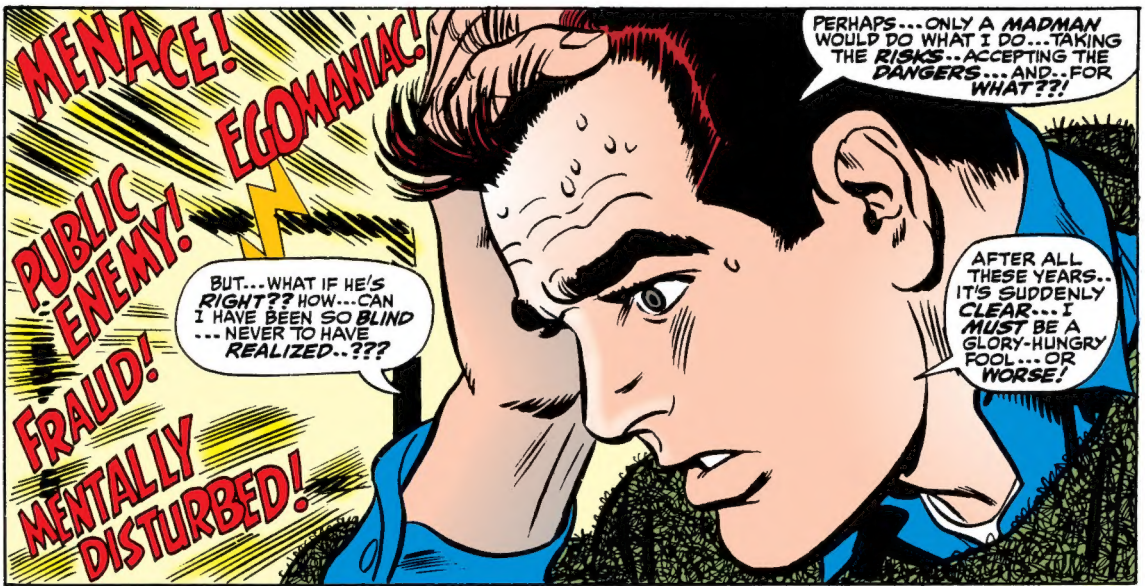










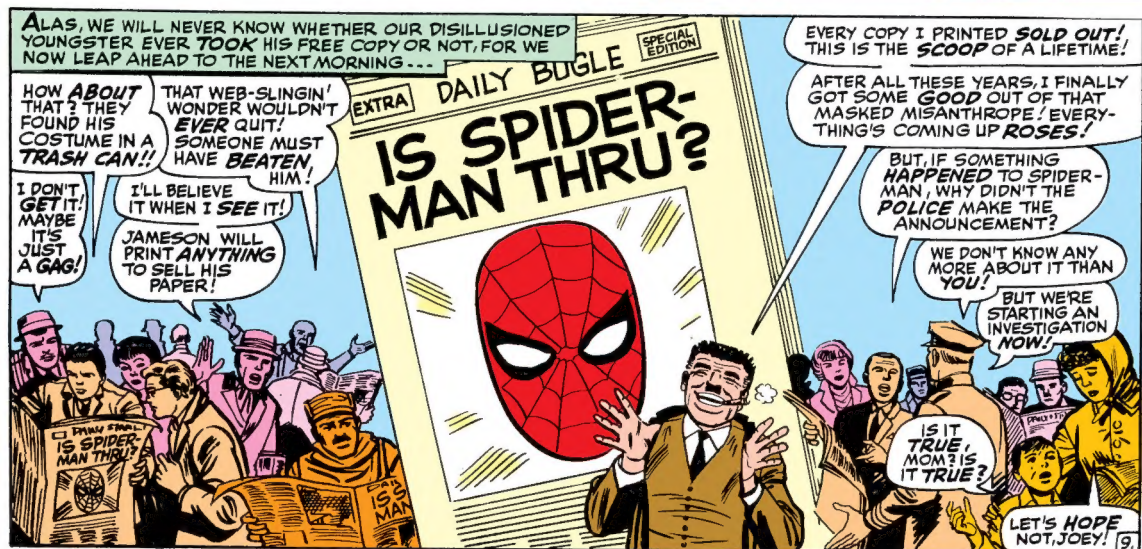
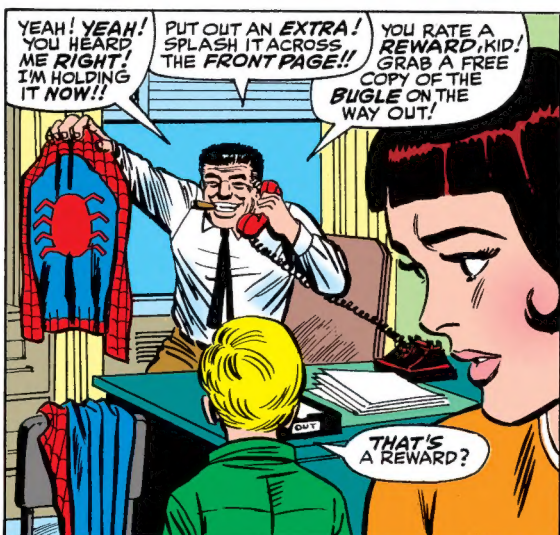
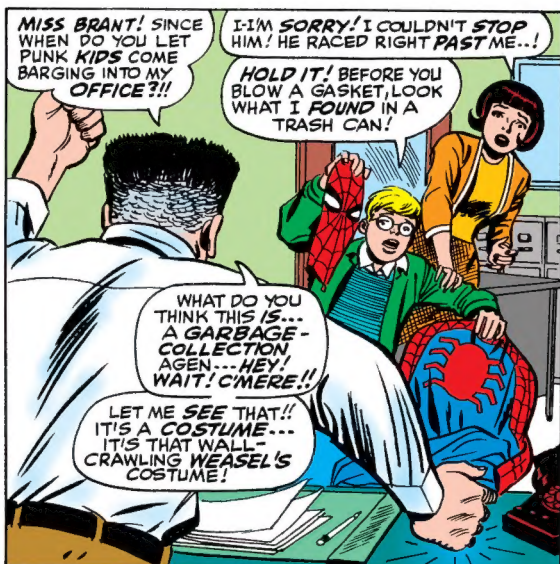


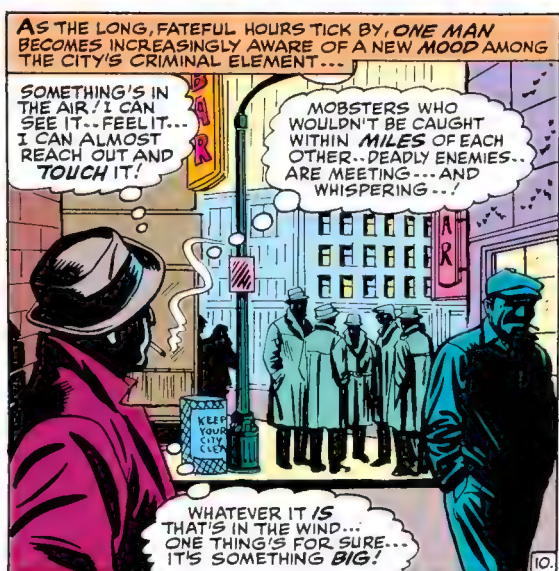
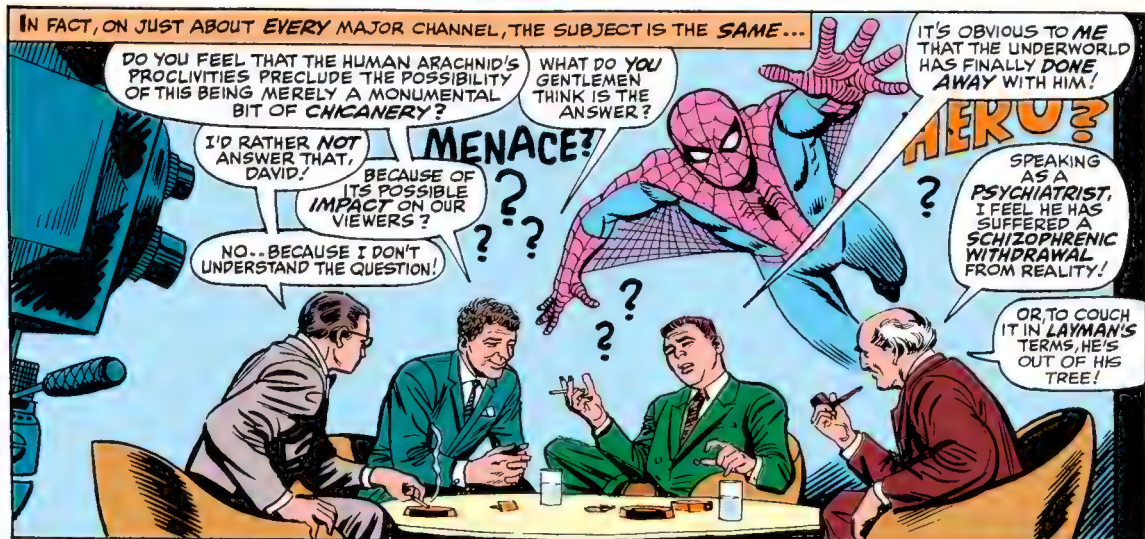
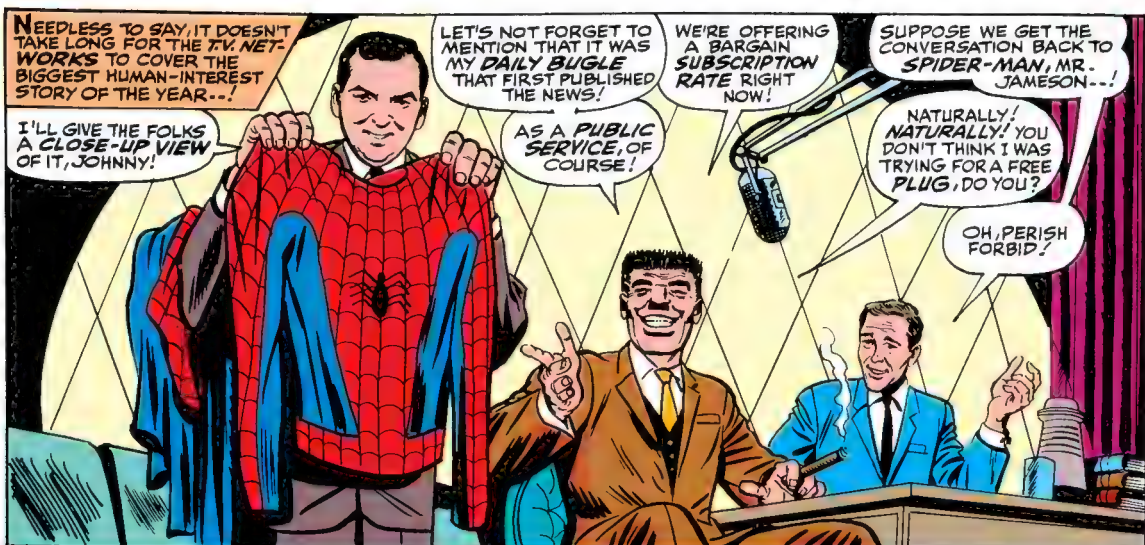
I WAS JUST A YOUNG,
UNTHINKING **TEENAGER**...
WHEN I FIRST BECAME...
SPIDER-MAN...

BUT, THE YEARS
HAVE A WAY OF
SLIPPING BY...OF
CHANGING THE
WORLD ABOUT
US...

AND, EVERY BOY...
SOONER OR LATER...
MUST PUT AWAY HIS
TOYS... AND BECOME...
A MAN!









AND IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE PATCH, THE STOOL PIGEON, FINDS OUT WHAT'S GOING ON!



HOLD IT, PUNK! WHERE D'YA THINK YOU'RE GOIN'? THIS ISN'T YOUR TERRITORY... SO TAKE A POWDER!

HEY! WHAT GIVES, BLACKIE? YOU KNOW ME, IT'S OL' PATCH! I JUST WANT IN ON THE ACTION!

NOT THIS TIME, SMALL FRY! GO'WAN BACK TO PICKIN' POCKETS... YER OUTTA YER LEAGUE HERE!

DON'T MAKE 'IM TELL YA TWICE, CREEP!



I WAS RIGHT! SOME OF THE BIGGEST MOBSTERS IN THE EAST ARE GETTING TOGETHER!

AND THEY'RE NOT DOING IT JUST BECAUSE THEY'RE LONELY!

I'D BETTER TAKE OFF AND MAKE MY OWN PLANS BEFORE THEY GET SUSPICIOUS OF ME!



AND, AS THE THOUGHTFUL STOOLIE SLOWLY FADES INTO THE DEEPENING SHADOWS...

WITH SPIDER-MAN GONE, THE KINGPIN IS READY TO TAKE OVER AS HEAD MAN OF THE MOBS!

ANY QUESTIONS?

WHY DON'T HE TELL US HIMSELF? I DON'T DEAL WITH STOOGES!

RELAX, SHORTY! YOU KNOW THE KINGPIN LIKES TO STAY IN THE BACKGROUND!

IF ANYONE IS GONNA TAKE CONTROL AROUND HERE, THE KINGPIN'S OUR BOY!

UP TO NOW, I ALWAYS BEEN MY OWN BOSS! I DON'T LIKE IT!

THEN START LIKIN' IT, MISTER! WHAT THE KINGPIN SAYS AROUND HERE... GOES!



WHILE, IN A SMALL FURNISHED APARTMENT ON THE OTHER SIDE OF TOWN...

I DON'T HAVE TO BE A GENIUS TO FIGURE OUT WHAT'S GOING ON!

SPIDER-MAN HELPED TO KEEP THE UNDERWORLD ON THE RUN! THEY WERE DISORGANIZED... FEARFUL... CAUTIOUS! BUT NOW, IT'S DIFFERENT!

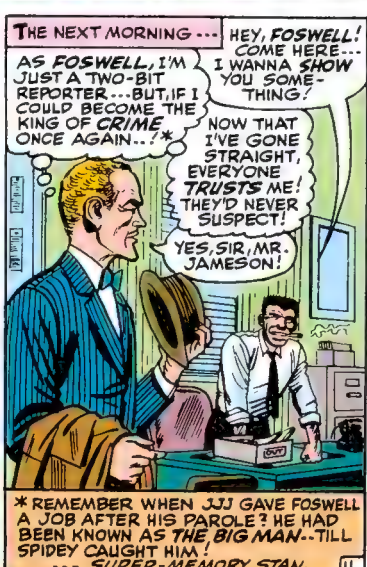
WITH THE WEB-SLINGER OUT OF ACTION, THEY'RE READY TO POOL THEIR FORCES...



JUDGING BY THE ONES I'VE SEEN, IT COULD BE THE MOST POWERFUL ARMY OF CRIME EVER ASSEMBLED!

AND, SINCE SOMEBODY WILL HAVE TO LEAD THEM... WHY COULDN'T IT BE... THE MAN CALLED PATCH?!!

NOT A MAN ALIVE KNOWS THAT I'M REALLY FREDRICK FOSWELL!



THE NEXT MORNING...

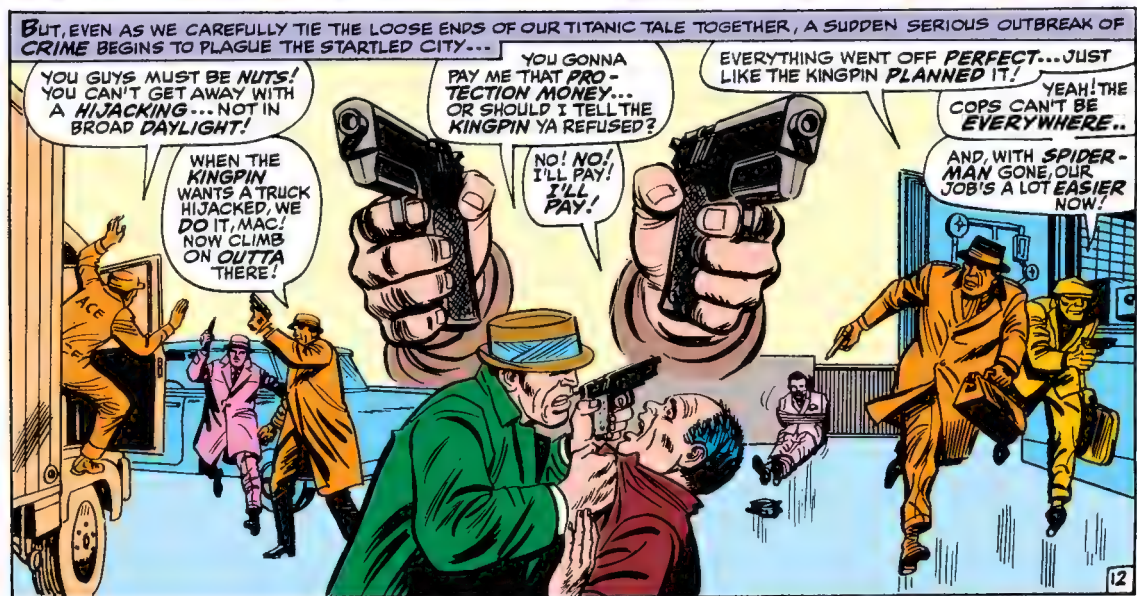
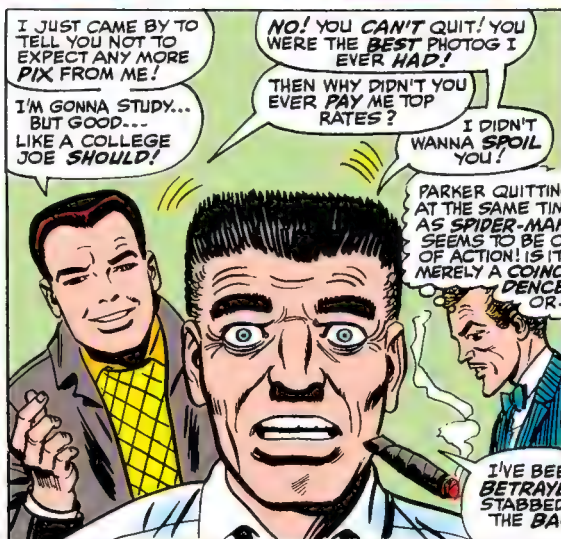
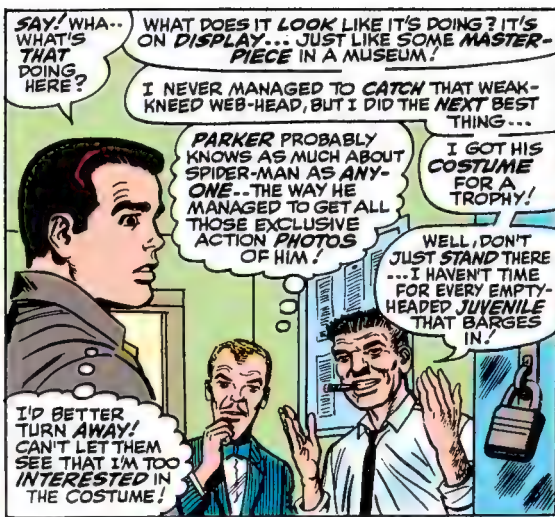
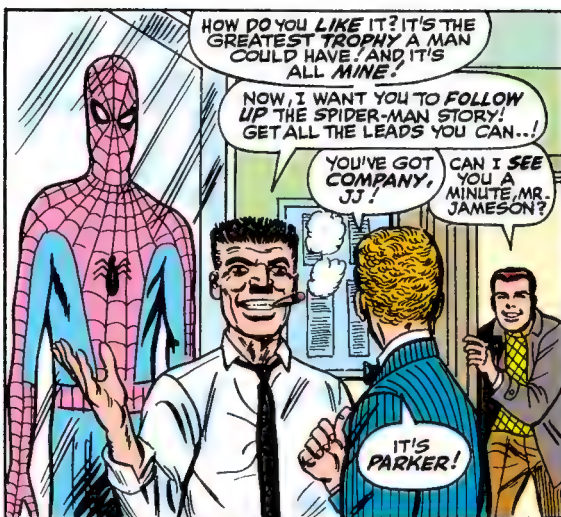
HEY, FOSWELL! COME HERE... I WANNA SHOW YOU SOMETHING!

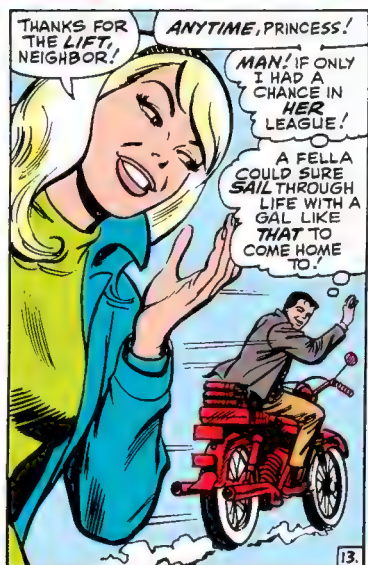
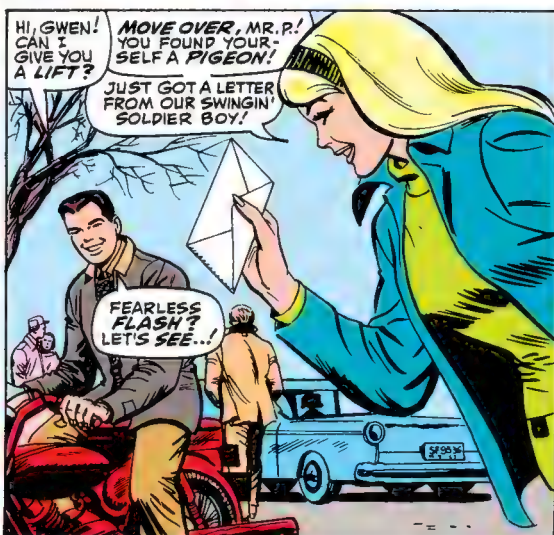
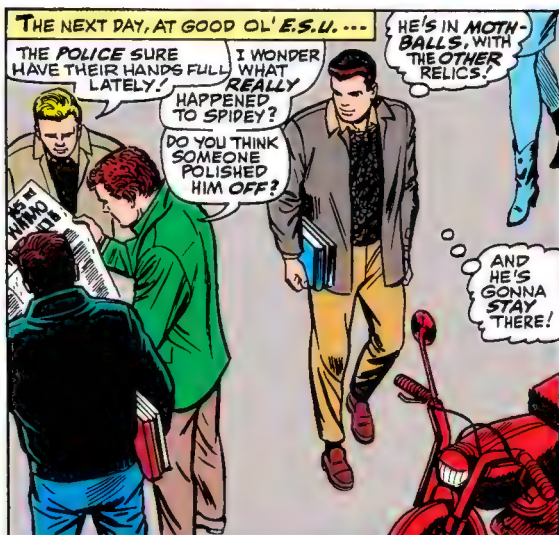
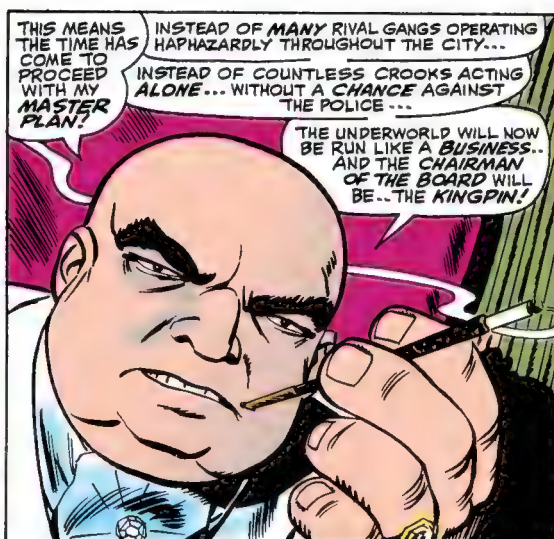
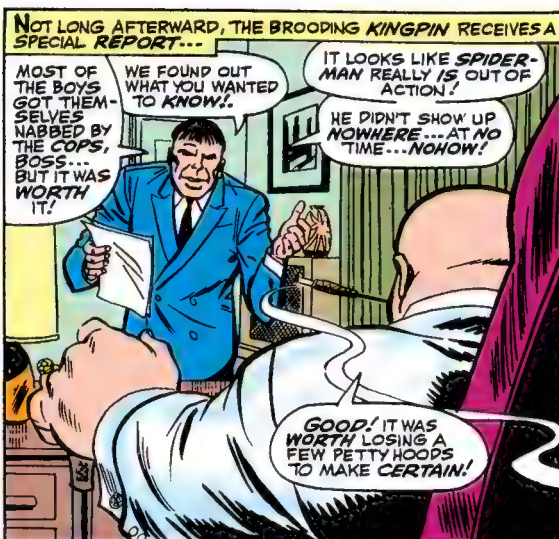
AS FOSWELL, I'M JUST A TWO-BIT REPORTER... BUT, IF I COULD BECOME THE KING OF CRIME ONCE AGAIN...!

NOW THAT I'VE GONE STRAIGHT, EVERYONE TRUSTS ME! THEY'D NEVER SUSPECT!

YES, SIR, MR. JAMESON!

* REMEMBER WHEN JJJ GAVE FOSWELL A JOB AFTER HIS PAROLE? HE HAD BEEN KNOWN AS THE BIG MAN... TILL SPIDEY CAUGHT HIM! ... SUPER-MEMORY STAN.







THEN, TWO OUNCES OF GASOLINE LATER...
AUNT MAY! YOU'RE SITTING UP... YOU'RE BETTER! GOSH, THAT'S TERRIFIC!

IS THERE ANYTHING YOU NEED? ANYTHING I CAN GET YOU?

BUT DON'T ASK FOR CARY GRANT... HE'S OUT OF TOWN!

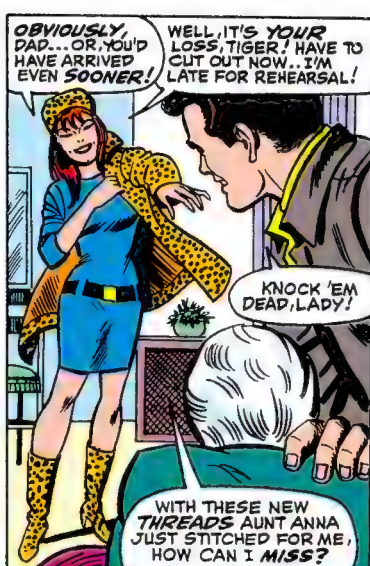
I TOLD YOU HE'D BE HERE RIGHT AFTER CLASS, MAY DEAR!

OH, PETER DEAR... YOU ALWAYS CHEER ME UP SO!



QUICK! SOMEONE CALL THE BEAUTY PARLOR! IT'S AN EMERGENCY!
A LIVING, BREATHING MALE WALKED IN AND DIDN'T NOTICE ME! I'M A WASHOUT! A HAS-BEEN! IT'S THE UTTER END, FRIEND!

OH... HI, MARY JANE! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE HERE!



OBVIOUSLY, DAD... OR, YOU'D HAVE ARRIVED EVEN SOONER!
WELL, IT'S YOUR LOSS, TIGER! HAVE TO CUT OUT NOW... I'M LATE FOR REHEARSAL!

KNOCK 'EM DEAD, LADY!

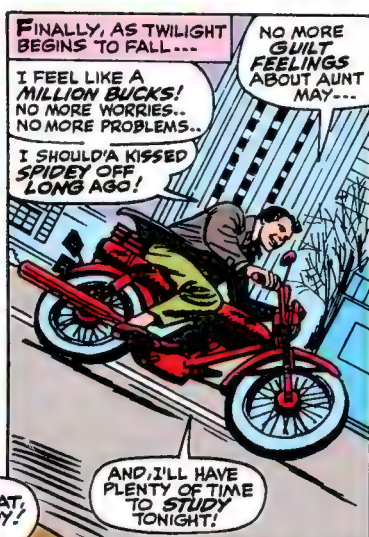
WITH THESE NEW THREADS AUNT ANNA JUST STITCHED FOR ME, HOW CAN I MISS?



IF YOUR WHEELS ARE POINTED IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, PETEY-O... THIS COULD BE YOUR LUCKY DAY!

SORRY, MJ... I'D BETTER STAY WITH AUNT MAY FOR A WHILE!

NO SWEAT, NICE BOY!



FINALLY, AS TWILIGHT BEGINS TO FALL...

I FEEL LIKE A MILLION BUCKS! NO MORE WORRIES... NO MORE PROBLEMS...

I SHOULD'A KISSED SPIDEY OFF LONG AGO!

AND, I'LL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO STUDY TONIGHT!

NO MORE GUILT FEELINGS ABOUT AUNT MAY...



YEP, THIS IS THE LIFE, ALL RIGHT!

I NEVER HAD IT SO GOOD BEFORE!

IT'LL BE A PLEASURE TO KNOW WHAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT IN CLASS!

WONDER IF GWEN WILL NOTICE THE DIFFERENCE?

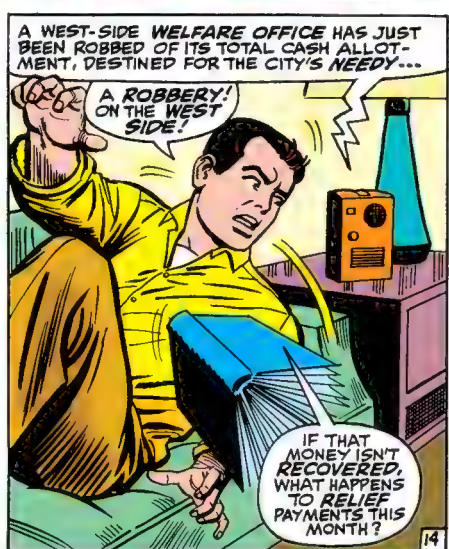


BUT, EVEN AS THE SEEMINGLY-RETIRED SUPER HERO LUXURIATES IN HIS ROOM, BUSINESS GOES ON AS USUAL THROUGHOUT THE CITY...

FASTER, MAC! WE AIN'T GOT ALL DAY!

BUT, THIS MONEY IS FOR WELFARE!

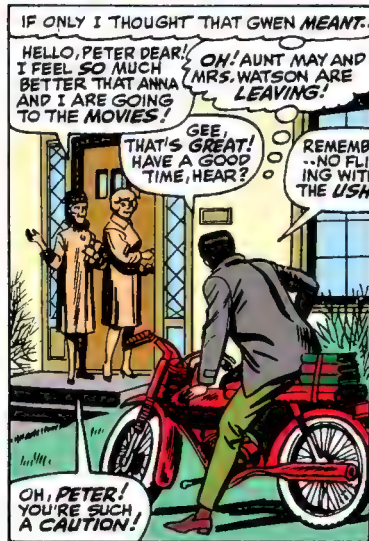
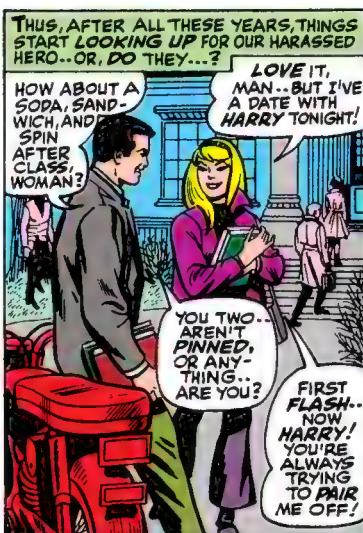
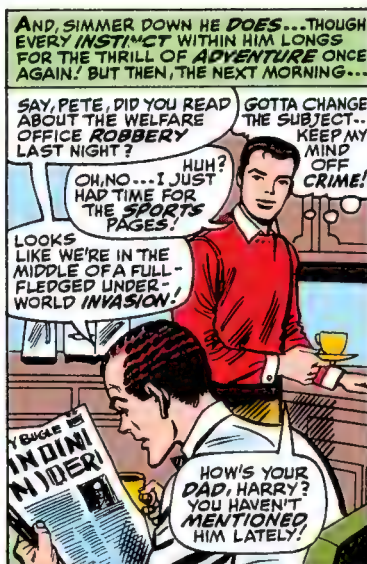
YEAH... THE KINGPIN'S WELFARE! NOW SHUDDUP AND KEEP LOADIN' THAT CASE!

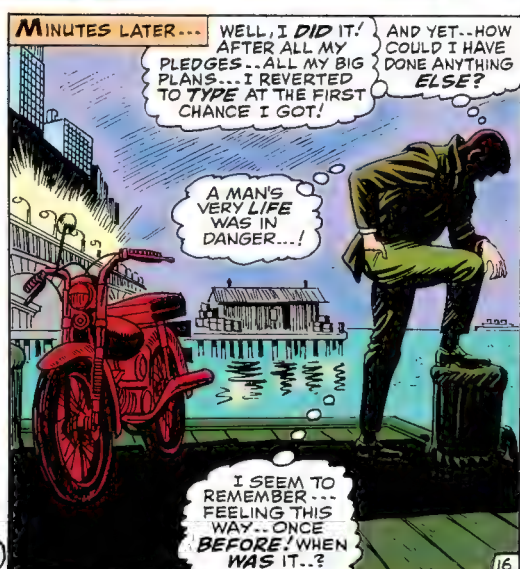
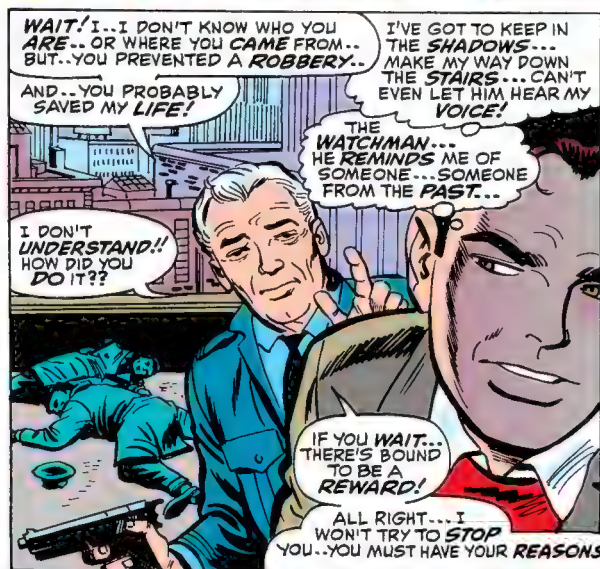
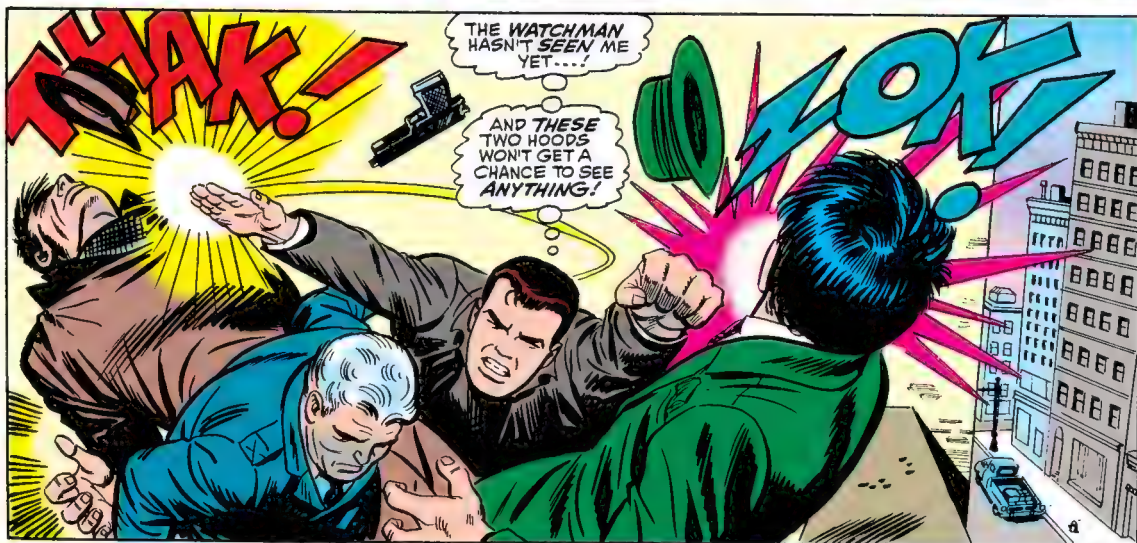
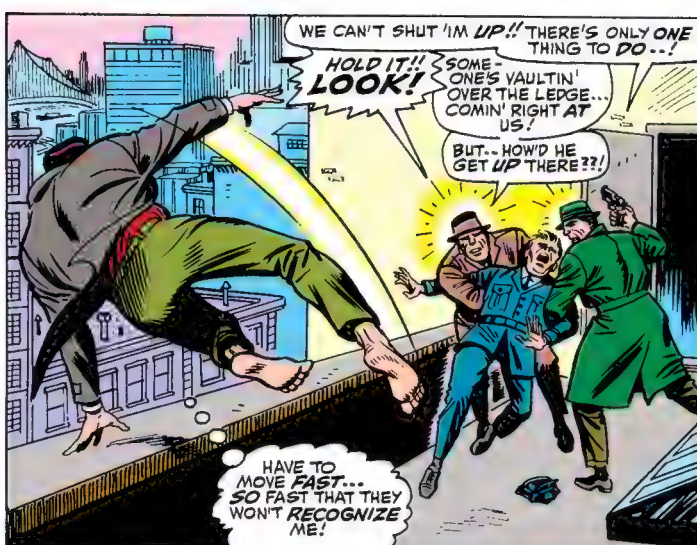


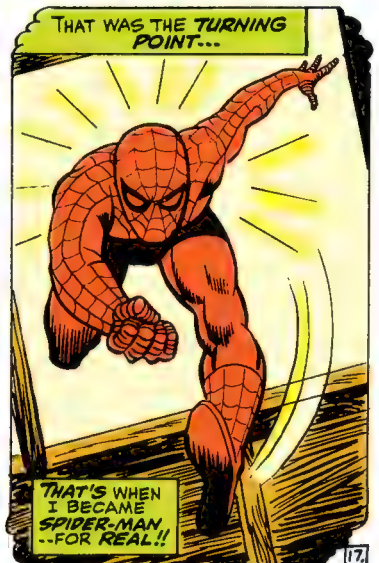
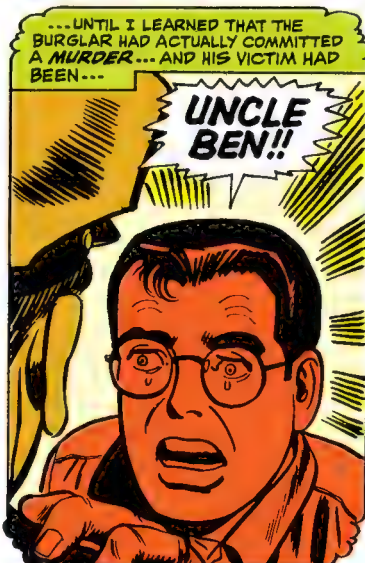
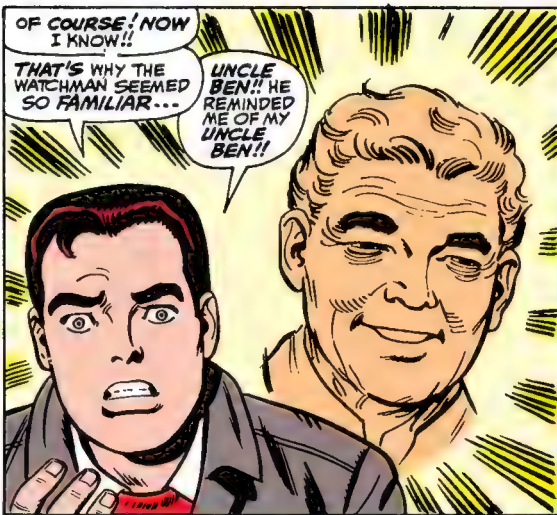
A WEST-SIDE WELFARE OFFICE HAS JUST BEEN ROBBED OF ITS TOTAL CASH ALLOTMENT, DESTINED FOR THE CITY'S NEEDY...

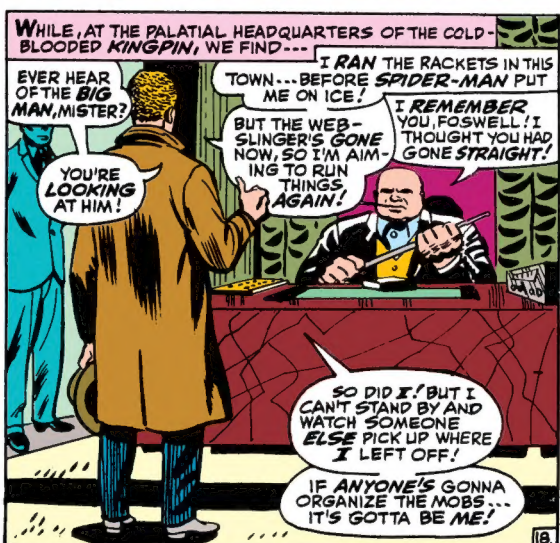
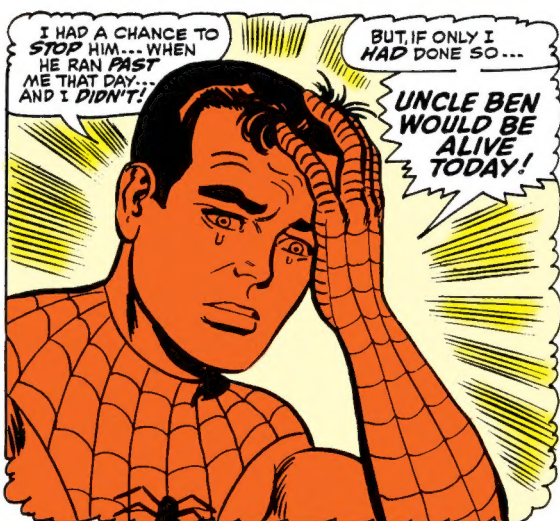
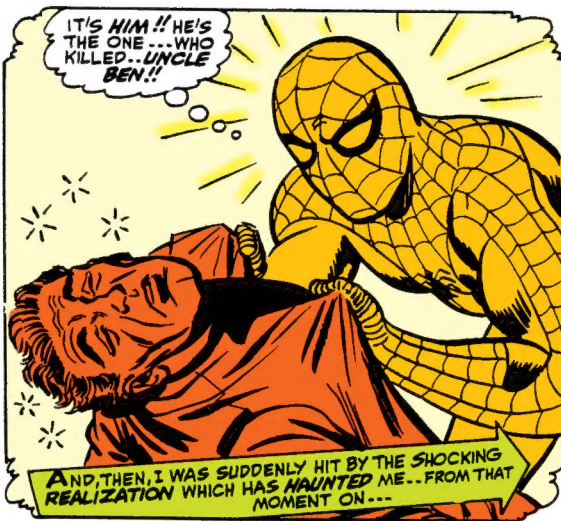
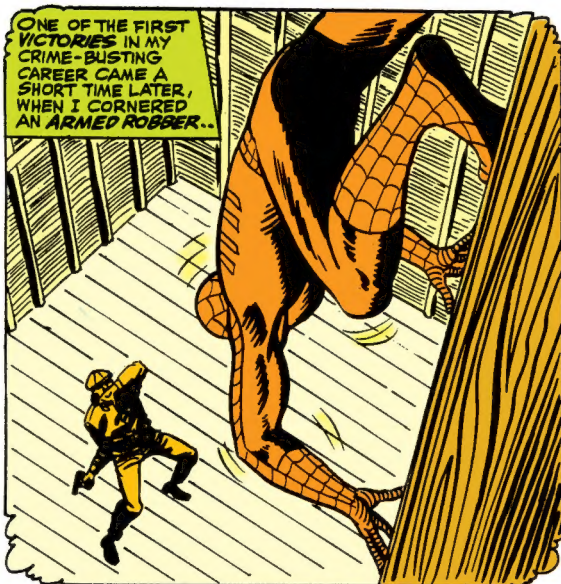
A ROBBERY! ON THE WEST SIDE!

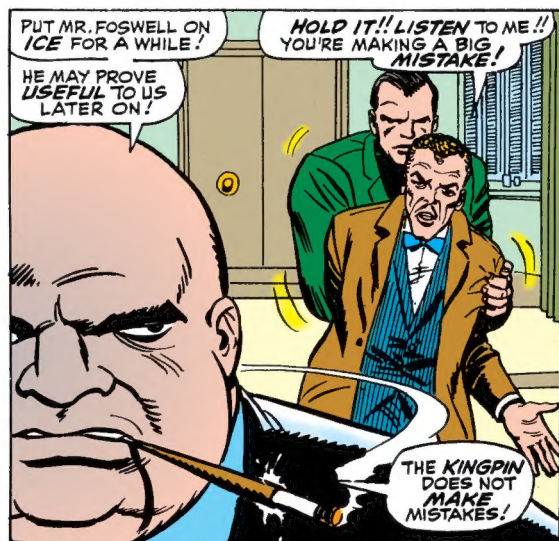
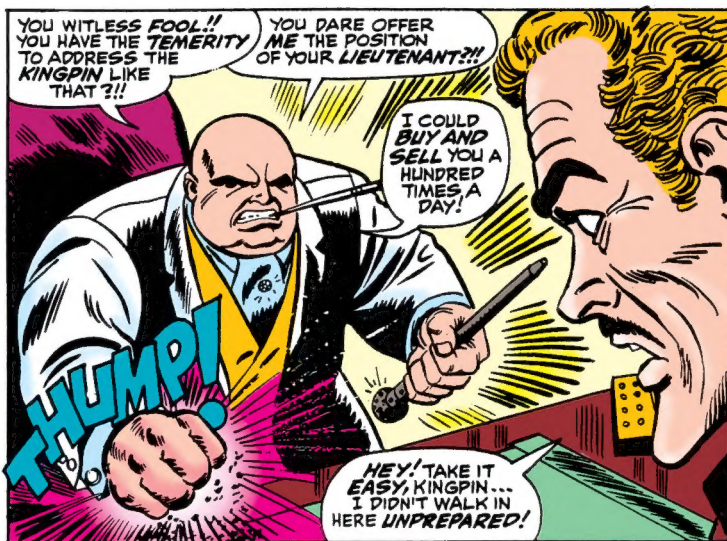
IF THAT MONEY ISN'T RECOVERED, WHAT HAPPENS TO RELIEF PAYMENTS THIS MONTH?

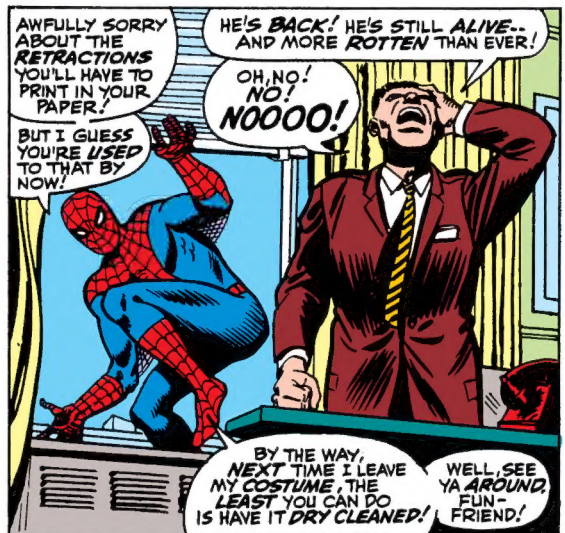
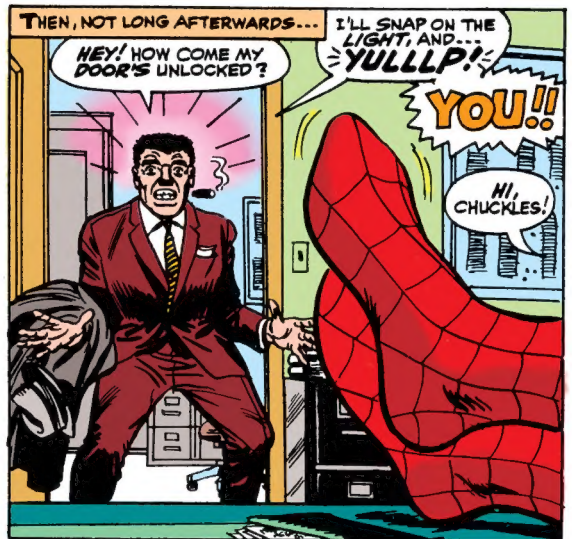
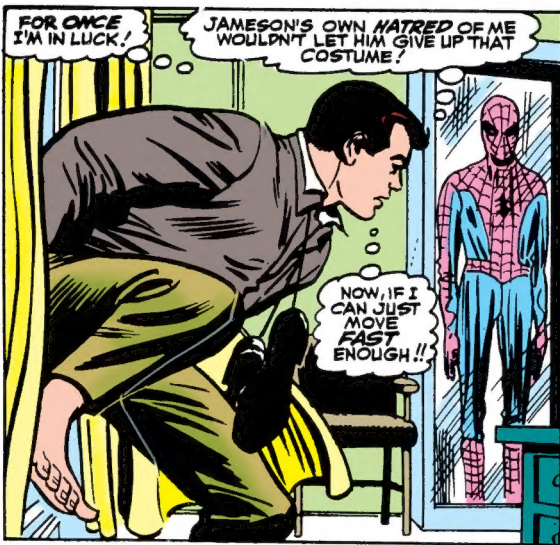














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